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DR. GREEN DIES

Professor Emeritus J. B. Green died on September 7, 1967 at the age of 96. Dr. Green had remained vigorous in mind and body until a comparatively few months before his death. From 1921 until 1951 he served as Professor of Systematic Theology and also taught courses in Homiletics, Ethics and English Bible. His course in The Psalms was particularly appreciated by his students.

Dr. Green was a graduate of Peabody College and Union Seminary in Virginia. He held pastorates at Columbia and Fayetteville, Tennessee and was for 13 years pastor of the First Presbyterian Church at Greenwood, South Carolina. Dr. Green taught first at the seminary when it was located in Columbia, South Carolina and was the last living member of the faculty who moved with the seminary to Decatur. Deeply dedicated to Columbia and convinced of its importance to the church, Dr. Green's influence was an important factor in the decision against the merger of Columbia with another seminary during the difficult depression years.

In speaking of Dr. Green at a memorial service conducted at the Decatur Presbyterian Church, Dr. J. McDowell Richards recalled the record of David mourning the death of his captain, Abner, when he spoke to his servants and said, "Know ye not that there is a prince and a great man fallen this day in Israel." Dr. Richards spoke of Dr. Green as "a man entrusted by God with a clear and logical mind, who used his talents well in the task to which he was assigned." Dr. Green's teaching was marked by "sincerity and earnestness," he said, and his life was characterized by "genuine humility."

Dr. Green is survived by his wife, Lillian, a leader in the formation of Columbia Friendship Circle and for years its key advisor, and four children.

Columbia's 140th Year

Professor Ludwig Dewitz, who had just returned from a Sabbatical Year of study in Europe and the Near East, delivered the opening address as Columbia began its 140th year on September 13th. Forty-five new members of the Junior Class are among the 193 students in the student body this fall.

In his address, Dr. Dewitz took the congregation on an imaginary tour through theological regions to the Promised Land. "God is God of the present and future as He was God of the past," Dr. Dewitz said, "therefore, let us go on to perfection." Stressing that our century is like the first and sixteenth centuries, a time when things are beginning to happen, Dr. Dewitz urged the students to look at the foundations that have been made and then go forward into the problems of our century. He urged the students "to go forward with a feeling that they are being carried on to perfection by God Himself," and that "they are dependent on the Holy Spirit." Dr. Dewitz challenged the faculty to continue studying and the students to adopt an attitude of "I know, help thou my ignorance."

The entering class of B.D. students this year includes the largest percentage of men and women coming directly from college that Columbia has had in recent years. Of the entering class of forty-five, 24 are single students and only 21 are married, again an unusually high percentage of single students. These students come from 15 states and from the Baptist, Methodist and United Presbyterian Churches as well as the Presbyterian Church, U.S. Among the students who come from other vocations are a radio announcer and engineer, a former church denomination Public Relations Director, several teachers, an engineer and an airline executive.

Activities at the beginning of the new school year included a three day faculty retreat at Callaway Gardens, Georgia. Dr. James N. Lapsley, Associate Professor of Pastoral Theology at Princeton Seminary led the faculty during a portion of their retreat in the study of communication.

New students participated in a three day orientation program directed by Dean O. H. Lyon and a committee of students with Dwight Bayley as Chairman. A major portion of the orientation program was devoted to group activities designed to equip the entering students for more effective participation in the give and take of the seminars in the courses of the new curriculum. Associate Professor of Christian Education, Milton Riviere, and other faculty members joined with selected returning students to provide leadership for these special activities.

College Student Conference

"1988 . . . A Look Twenty Years Into the Future" has been chosen as the theme for a conference for college students to be held at Columbia, January 26-28, 1968. Student co-ordinator, Dwight Bayley and James T. Richardson, Director of Admissions, are currently lining up leaders in business, politics, education and the professions to share with college students their insights into the prospects for their fields in 1988. Members of Columbia's faculty and student body will join with the visiting college students in a consideration of the predictions made by these leaders and the implications of these projections for the ministry of the church in the world.

"The conference is being planned for all college students who have a concern for the ministry of the church in the world and are willing to think about the various possibilities for their involvement in that ministry," Mr. Richardson said. "Attendance will not be limited to those who have made some commitment to vocations in the church. Those who have made such a commitment will be welcome and will be given the opportunity of talking with seminary faculty members and students. They will also see Columbia's facilities and learn of its program of studies." The conference will include activities on the Columbia campus and in the Atlanta community. The Board of National Ministries of the Presbyterian Church, U.S. is sharing in the program and will provide an opportunity for the students to think about the role of the church in the changing world.

Persons interested in attending the conference or any pastor or adult leader desiring additional information should write to James T. Richardson, Director of Admissions, Columbia Seminary, Decatur, Georgia 30031.

Ministers' Week at Columbia

Davies

Robinson

Homrighausen

Dr. Horton Davies, Dr. William C. Robinson, Jr. and Dr. E. G. Homrighausen were the principal speakers during Ministers' Week, October 23-27. Dr. Davies, who delivered the Smyth Lectures, is the Putnam Professor of Religion at Princeton University. Alumni Lecturer, Dr. Robinson (B.D. '48), is an Associate Professor at Perkins School of Theology at SMU and Dr. Homrighausen, the Visiting Preacher is the Eerdman Professor of Pastoral Theology at Princeton Theological Seminary.

"The Art of Adoration: Christian Worship" was the general theme of Dr. Davies' lectures. In the course of his lectures he traced the development of Christian worship from its earliest forms in Jerusalem down through some of the ecumenical and experimental worship of our own time. Dr. Davies, who came to Princeton University in 1956 to help inaugurate a new program of Graduate Study in Religion, is a native of South Wales and a graduate of the University of Edinburgh and Oxford. Dr. Davies has devoted himself primarily to the teaching ministry but he has also served as a pastor and during World War II was in charge of 55 recreational and study centers in Germany, Belgium, France and Holland. He has served in the ecumenical movement and he organized the first Department of Religion in an English speaking university in South Africa.

Dr. Robinson delivered four lectures growing out of his study of Paul and Corinth. The lectures dealt with the Word of the Cross, Tradition and Authority, Christology and the Life of the Christian. Dr. Robinson, who received degrees from Davidson and Columbia and the University of Basel was a pastor in Raleigh, North Carolina and Professor of Bible at King College before going to his present position in 1960.

Dr. Homrighausen preached each day at the Morningside Presbyterian Church in Atlanta in addition to his preaching on the seminary campus. From 1958 to 1965 he served as a member of the Survey Committee whose studies led to Columbia's current Expansion Program. Prior to his acceptance of the Chair of Pastoral Theology at Princeton in 1954, Dr. Homrighausen had been for 16 years the Professor of Christian Education there. He also has had experience as a pastor in Illinois and Indiana and has preached and lectured at churches, universities and seminaries around the world. He is the author of several books and a contributing editor to "Theology Today."

Mrs. Wood Honored

Mrs. Walter Wood, Jr., Promotion Secretary of Columbia Friendship Circle, and Secretary to the Assistant to the President, has been elected the first woman Ruling Elder of the Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church in Stone Mountain, Georgia. In addition to her many responsibilities at the seminary and with her family at home, Emily has been an exceptionally active member of the Memorial Drive Church, singing in the choir regularly, serving on numerous responsible committees and playing an active part in the work of the Women of the Church.

Students Work With Pilot Program in Fla.

Three Columbia Students were participants this summer in a Pilot Project of Field Education sponsored cooperatively by Columbia and the Board of Christian Education of the Presbyterian Church, U.S. The students, Dwight Bayley of Jacksonville, Florida; Richard A. Curnow, Jr. from Jackson, Mississippi and Mac M. Irvin of Miami, Florida, spent the summer working with local churches in the introduction of the Home and Family Nurture Ministry.

Dr. Ernest Stricklin, Secretary, Division of Family Life, The Reverend Bill Belk, Regional Director of the Synod of Florida, Professor Milton Riviere, Associate Professor of Christian Education and The Reverend Steve Bacon, Assistant to the President of the Seminary planned the program and participated in the training of the students. Response from the churches in which the students worked and from the students themselves has been quite favorable and plans are being projected for the repetition of the summer's program in coming years.

During the summer the students were involved in discussions with Sessions and special committees in local churches, Vacation Church School classes, Area Leadership Schools, and a variety of other activities. Their work took them to the Roswell Church, Roswell, Georgia; the Hope Church, Clearwater, Florida; the New Covenant, Riviera and Miami Shores Churches in the Miami area; the Homestead Church, Homestead, Florida; the Memorial Drive Church, Stone Mountain, Georgia; the Arlington Church, Jacksonville, Florida; the First and Conway Churches, Orlando, Florida; and the Second Annual Brevard County Leadership School, Merritt Island, Florida, sponsored by the Merritt Island, Cocoa, St. Lukes, Trinity and Eastminster Churches.

Alumni News

BOB NEWMAN (B.D. '61) has been named head of the Department of Philosophy and Religion at Morris Harvey College . . . DR. MARSHALL DENDY (B.D. '26), Moderator of the General Assembly, Presbyterian Church, U.S., spoke to the students at Columbia Seminary at a recent chapel program . . . LEONARD COOPER BLANTON (B.D. '51) composed and named hymn tunes for President and Mrs. Richards and Dr. Wm. C. Robinson during the past year . . . WILLIAM VAN ARNOLD (B.D. '66) has been awarded a Garrett Graduate Fellowship for work toward the Doctor of Theology Degree at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Survey Features Grads

Exciting aspects of the ministry of Bill Markley (B.D. '62) and Paul Mixon (B.D. '61) were featured in the September issue of Presbyterian Survey. Bill is now the pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Gainesville, Georgia and Paul, an Air Force Chaplain, is stationed at Tyndall Air Force Base near Panama City, Florida.

In Gainesville, Presbyterians have taken the lead in an interdenominational movement to provide an adequate Christian educational opportunity for young people and adults. Plans are being made for the teaching of subjects related to the Christian Faith on a par academically with the work being done in the Junior and Senior High Schools. The program plans to take advantage of released time opportunities. The new program now taking shape comes out of the concern of the congregation and Mr. Markley that a large segment of the church congregation was engaged only sporadically in serious study of their faith.

Paul Mixon has broken through some of the traditional barriers and is engaging young service men in serious dialogue at the Halfway House. Here, as in other Coffee Houses, music, coffee and candlelight provide an atmosphere conducive to honest talk and discussions. With Chaplain Mixon's leadership, this non-traditional program has become an important part of the Base Chapel Program.

Plans for Rock Eagle

Plans are being made for the Sixteenth Annual Missions Conference at the Rock Eagle 4-H Camp Grounds at Eatonton, Georgia. The conference will be held April 12-14, 1968.

The conference is sponsored by the student Society of Missionary Inquiry and is planned by the SMI officers and a committee of other students. Working with the committee in their initial planning have been Professor Richard Bass, Visiting Professor of Missions and representatives of the Board of World Missions and the Board of National Ministries.

Information about the conference will be distributed to pastors as it is available.

Guthrie to Teach at FPC

Dr. Shirley C. Guthrie, Jr., Professor of Systematic Theology, will be a guest professor at Florida Presbyterian College for their winter term in January 1968. Dr. Guthrie will lead a small group of students in the study of Theology of Revolution.

The winter term at FPC is a special four week period of independent study for all undergraduates. It is designed to develop the qualities of self-discipline and requires the student to work without the customary routine of classroom and lecture hall on a single problem growing out of his other studies and to present his findings in final form. Approximately 15 students will be in the group working with Professor Guthrie.

Both Columbia and Florida Presbyterian are supported by the synod of Florida. The current Campaign for Christian Leadership in Florida seeks to raise financial support for both institutions. The campaign will provide Columbia with an additional $1,000,000 endowment for the program of the seminary.

Dr. Robinson to Retire

The Alumni Association honored Dr. William C. Robinson at their meeting on October 24th. Dr. Robinson, who has been Professor of Church History since 1926 will retire at the end of the fall quarter. Dr. J. Davison Philips, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Seminary and a former Alumni Association President, was the main speaker for the luncheon. Dr. J. McDowell Richards also spoke words of appreciation for Dr. Robinson's long and faithful service as a professor at Columbia.

A highlight of the meeting was the presentation to Dr. and Mrs. Robinson of a 1968 Dodge Polara. The air-conditioned car was a gift to the Robinsons from the alumni and Board of Directors and friends. Also announced at the Alumni Luncheon was the planned publication by John Knox Press of a volume of essays to honor Dr. Robinson. Contributors to the Festchrift are: Professors F. F. Bruce, Oscar Cullman, Joachim Jeremias, George Eldon Ladd, John Leith, Bo Reicke, James M. Robinson, William C. Robinson, Jr. and T. F. Torrance. The book will be released in connection with graduation exercises in June 1968. Prepublication purchase of the volume is being handled through the Alumni Office.

C.F.C. Sets New Goal

Columbia Friendship Circle reported an increase in memberships during the 1966-67 year and gifts of nearly $22,000 which were used to purchase an elevator and additional book stacks for the library. For the year 1967-68 they have set a goal of $25,000, the first $7,500 of which will purchase books for the library to be called the "Friendship Collection." The balance of gifts received will be designated for Continuing Education for Pastors. Gifts for the year 1965-66 also were designated for the Continuing Education Program which provides two week periods of reading and study at the seminary for local pastors.

Mrs. Walter S. Moore of Walhalla, South Carolina was reelected President of Columbia Friendship Circle for the new year. Other officers are: Mrs. C. Irwin Crais, Birmingham, Alabama, Vice-President and Mrs. R. L. Tilghman, Riviera Beach, Florida, Secretary-Historian.

Oberg Fund Enlarged

The Oberg Endowment Fund has been more than doubled by a second gift from Mrs. Azalea Oberg of Urbana, Indiana. This recent gift of $45,000 is another tangible sign of Mrs. Oberg's lifelong interest in the work of the church and more especially the church's educational institutions. Mrs. Oberg's interest in Columbia Seminary extends back many years and includes faithful service as a member of Columbia Friendship Circle and as CFC Chairman in Florida.

The establishment and increase of the Oberg Endowment Fund are of particular importance to Columbia because of the part they play in Columbia's current campaign to claim a $1,000,000 challenge fund. To claim the gift Columbia must raise $4,000,000 in capital funds by December 31, 1972. Mrs. Oberg's gift, those of other friends of the seminary and capital funds campaigns in the supporting synods will enable the seminary to reach this goal.

1967-68 Student Body

In the B. D. program		
Third year	50	
Intern year	3	
Second year	41	
First year	46	
		140
In the M.C.E. program		2
In the Th.M. program		32
Special and Auditing students		19
Total student body		193

Student Fights Fires

Fighting forest fires and spreading tar and gravel on the roads were a part of summer field education for Ed Morrison, a Columbia senior. Ed served as Director of the Christian Ministry in Glacier National Park in Montana this summer. In addition to his full-time work on a government road crew he supervised the work of some 25 seminary and college students engaged in the ministry to the tourists and workers in the park. He was chairman of the Committee of Permanent Park Personnel who plan the ministry and personally directed all promotion of the program and the coordination of the schedules for the various activities. His responsibility to evaluate the work of the students under his supervision brought him into close contact with the other students.

Ed and his wife, Gwen, both worked in the program in Glacier Park last summer. Ed was a clerk in a store and Gwen assistant housekeeper in a lodge. In addition to the secular work, Ed had preaching services twice each Sunday and participated in other phases of the ministry in the park. On the basis of his work last year, he was chosen by the permanent committee in the park to be director of the program this summer, the most responsible position open to a seminary student in the ministry in the National Parks.

Babbage Now President At Conwell Seminary

Dr. Stuart Barton Babbage, Visiting Professor of Practical Apologetics and Church History has been elected President of the Conwell School of Theology in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Dr. Babbage has assumed his responsibilities at Conwell on a limited basis during the fall quarter and will take up duties there full-time January 1, 1968.

A native of New Zealand, Dr. Babbage has served on the faculty at Columbia since 1963. He was visiting lecturer during the academic year 1961-62. Prior to his coming to the United States he had served as Dean of St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, Australia, President of Melbourne College of Divinity and Principal of Ridley Theology College.

In addition to his responsibilities of teaching in Practical Apologetics and Church History, Dr. Babbage has served as the editor of the Seminary Faculty Bulletin, written several books and filled lectureships in this country and overseas.

Conwell School of Theology, an interdenominational seminary in its seventh year, is the successor of the School of Theology of Temple University which was founded by Dr. Russell H. Conwell seventy-five years ago. Plans are being made for its growth and expansion as a center of training emphasizing urban ministries and Christianity and the Arts.

DEDICATION

DEDICATION, a twenty minute color movie about Columbia Seminary has just been released for use in local churches. The film presents the story of the seminary through the experiences of four of its recent graduates. Through the film the four students share the struggles and triumphs of their seminary education and enable viewers to see the various aspects of Columbia's work.

The film was produced by Jacoby-Storm Productions of New York City and was made possible by a special gift from a member of the Seminary's Board of Directors. The film has been designed for use in local congregations and is available without charge except for return postage. Requests for additional information or scheduling of the film may be sent to Steve A. Bacon, Assistant to the President.

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